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SUBJECT : OECD COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY
(CST), 4 TH SESSION, PARIS, MAY 2-4, 1973. SUMMARY REPORT.

DEPT PASS OST, NSF, COMMERCE FOR RICHARDSON, NBS, NLM,
OTP, EPA FOR PORTER.

REF : (A) SPT/ A(73)1 1 ST REVISION - DRAFT AGENDA

(B) USOECD 07308

1. SUMMARY. COLOMBO (ITALY) RE- ELECTED CHAIRMAN,
WHITEHEAD (CANADA), ENGSTROM (SWEDEN), BOTTCHE (NETHER-
LANDS) VICE- CHAIRMEN. FIRST DAY DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF
INFORMATION AND COMPUTER/ COMMUNICATION
PROGRAMS (ICC). GENERALLY AGREED THIS FIELD OF HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE. REMAINDER OF MEETING MAINLY TAKEN
UP BY PROGRESS REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES
LINKED TO DISCUSSION 1974 PROGRAM AND BUDGET. PLUS
CONSIDERATION OF ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN OECD
LONG- TERM ENERGY STUDY CST' S CONTRIBUTION TO WHICH WILL
BE PROPOSED BY CST AD HOC ENERGY GROUP. NEXT
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CST MEETING, NOVEMBER 19-20, WILL CONCENTRATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL, FOR WHICH INFORMATION/ COMPUTERS/ COMMUNICATIONS (ICC) AND SOCIAL SCIENCES LIKELY HIGH PRIORITY TOPICS.

ACTION : NOMINATION US MEMBER AD HOC ENERGY GROUP.
END SUMMARY .

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. SCIENCE DIRECTOR KING READ LETTER FROM BECKLER, OST, ANNOUNCING RESIGNATION FROM VICE- CHAIRMANSHIP, KING REGRETTED BECKLER' S DEPARTURE AND PRAISED HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OECD SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. COLOMBO (ITALY) AND BOTTCHER ' NETHERLANDS) RE- ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE- CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY. WHITEHEAD (CANADA), ENGSTROM (SWEDEN) ELECTED VICE- CHAIRMEN.

3. (MAY 2) FORUM ON INFORMATION/ COMPUTERS/ COMMUNICATIONS (ICC) SPT (73)6, SPT (73)7. MISSION WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON THIS ITEM. BRIEFLY, THERE WAS HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN COMMITTEE, WHICH FOR FIRST TIME GAVE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF FIELD, ICC WILL BE ON AGENDA OF 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL. US (AINES, NSF) MADE TWO MAJOR INTERVENTIONS, COVERING GENERAL POLICY ISSUES AND PROPOSALS FOR OECD ACTION RESPECTIVELY (TEXTS WILL BE ATTACHED TO SEPARATE REPORT). CST COULD NOT AGREE THIS TIME TO CREATION OF HIGH- LEVEL GROUP TO ADVISE ON TOTAL FIELDS, BUT INSTRUCTED IPG/ CUG TO COORDINATE CLOSELY THROUGH JOINT BUREAU MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY DURING PREPARATION OF ANNUAL PROGRAMS.

4. ENERGY. DEP. SEC GEN ELDIN REPORTED ORALLY ON PROGRESS OF OECD LONG- TERM ENERGY STUDY, INVITING CST COOPERATION. COMMITTEE AS WHOLE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AT TECH- NOLOGICAL AND POLICY LEVELS, WITHIN EXISTING PRIORITIES AND CONSTRAINTS OF ITS OWN PROGRAM. US PROPOSAL (GRANGER) TO CREATE AD HOC GROUP FOR CAREFUL PLANNING EFFECTIVE CST ROLE ADOPTED. THIS GROUP WILL MEET JUNE 1973 TO ANALYZE PROBLEMS AND APPROACHES
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LEADING TO SECRETARIAT PAPER, FOR REVIEW AT SECOND MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP, SEPTEMBER 1973, AND PRESENTATION TO CST NOVEMBER 1973. ACTION : NOMINATION OF US MEMBER OF CST AD HOC ENERGY GROUP. SECRETARIAT WILL ATTEND ON BEHALF CST AND REPORT ON JOINT MEETING WITH ENERGY COMMITTEE SUB- GROUP ON COAL, MAY 7-8, 1973.

5. HELIUM . REPORT ON FUTURE NEEDS AND RESOURCES,
SPT(73)4 WELL- RECEIVED, AND RECOMMENDED FOR DISTRIB-
UTION AND EVENTUAL PUBLICATION. MEMBER- COUNTRIES WERE
INVITED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS (CORRECTIONS, CHANGES,
ETC.) AS PRELUDE TO DERESTRICTION. RESPONDING TO
QUESTIONS ON MATERIALS PROGRAM, COLOMBO SAID REPORT OF
SEPTEMBER 1972 AD HOC GROUP (ATTENDED BY PROMISEL, NAS,
FOR US) AVAILABLE NEAR FUTURE.

6. CST- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE JOINT WORKING PARTY.
ENGSTROM REPORTED ORALLY. GROUP MET SECOND TIME
MAY 4-5 (NEWILL FOR US) TO FURTHER CONSIDER TASK
DISTRIBUTION. REPORTS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED WEEK MAY 14.

7. ORAL REPORTS ON IRISH SCIENCE POLICY REVIEW AND
PREPARATIONS FOR YUGOSLAV REVIEW NOTED WITH
APPROVAL.
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8. PROGRESS REPORT AND 1974 PROGRAM. AT REQUEST OF
SEVERAL MEMBERS, THESE ITEMS WERE TAKEN TOGETHER,
USING SPT(73)8, 1973 PROGRAM, AS REFERENCE DOCUMENT.

KING STATED THAT 1974 BUDGET FIGURES NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT PROVIDED APPROXIMATE 1973-74 PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL, AS FOLLOWS: (1973 FOLLOWED BY 1973 PERCENTAGES): COUNTRY REVIEWS: 6.1, ZERO; DIRECTION/ CONTROL: 6.2, 5.6; R/ D STATISTICS: 13.2, 12.1; METHODS OF ALLOCATING RESEARCH TO R/ D: ZERO, 1.7; INFORMATION (IPG): 9.3, 8.6; COMPUTER/ COMMUNICATIONS: 9.2, 9.4; STRUCTURE AND ORIENTATION OF R/ D: ZERO, 2.9; DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES: 7.9, 9.6; PROMOTION OF TECHNICAL INNOVATION IN INDUSTRY: 10.8, 8.8; MANAGEMENT AND ORIENTATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION (TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT): 7.5, 8.3; INNOVATION IN SERVICE SECTORS: 10.9, 12.2; INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY: 8.4, 8.0; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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3.8, 3.6; PREPARATORY WORK: ABOUT 8-9 EACH CASE. THE PROGRAM WAS GENERALLY ENDORSED, WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM, AND A VERY NOTICEABLE PREFERENCE BY THE COMMITTEE FOR A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO ACTIVITIES. SIGNIFICANT COMMENT IS GIVEN BELOW.

9. 1974 PROGRAM ITEMS: SPT(73)8, SPT (73)9.

(AL R AND D STATISTICS. SILVER (UK) REPORTED ORALLY ON R & D AD HOC GROUP CONCLUSIONS (SEE USOECD 16983). CST ENDORSED FINDINGS AND PROGRAM DIRECTION. WRITTEN REPORT AVAILABLE JUNE 1973.

(B) ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO R AND D. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION PUZZLED CST. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE PAPER FOR NOVEMBER MEETING.

(C) INFORMATION/ COMPUTERS/ COMMUNICATIONS. PROGRAMS ENDORSED AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED AS INPUT TO 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL. (CUG COMMUNICATIONS PANEL MET MAY 3-4 TO PREPARE POLICY BRIEFING, NOW BROADENED TO INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION COMPONENT, AND RESCHEDULED FOR LATE 1974.) SEVERAL CST MEMBERS COMMENTED ON NEED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE ICC REQUIREMENTS IN OTHER OECD ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY ENVIRONMENT.

(D) INNOVATION IN SERVICE SECTORS: SECRETARIAT HIGHLY PRAISED FOR PREPARATORY WORK IN DIFFICULT AREA, BUT WARNED TO BE PRAGMATIC AND PRECISE IN SELECTION CASE STUDIES. WRITTEN INTERIM REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CST IN NOVEMBER.

(E) SOCIAL SCIENCES. FOR INCLUSION ON AGENDA OF 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL. MISSION UNDERSTANDS

SECRETARIAT PLANS CLOSE COORDINATION THIS ACTIVITY WITH
SERVICE SECTOR PROGRAM.

(F) INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION. REPORTS WILL BE SUB-
MITTED TO THE CST BETWEEN END 1974- EARLY 1975 ON
INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION AND DIFFUSION OF TECHNOLOGY.
CONSIDERABLE INTEREST SHOWN IN HAVING GOOD CST
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BACKGROUND REPORT ON MULTINATIONAL FIRM, DERIVED FROM
COUNTRY SUBMISSIONS AS AVAILABLE.

(G) MANAGEMENT AND ORIENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY
(TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT). THREE REPORTS WILL BE READY
BE END -1973 FOR PRESENTATION TO CST IN SPRING 1974.
ONCE AGAIN COMMITTEE ADVISED PRAGMATIC APPROACH AND
CAUTIOUS SPENDING IN AREA WHERE DIFFICULT TO COME TO
GRIPS WITH REALITY.

(H) INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS,
SPT(73)5 AND ANNEXES. THIS REPORT WILL BE REVISED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH MEMBER- COUNTRY WRITTEN COMMENTS, AND
RESUBMITTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR DERESTRICTION.
FINAL COMMENT: KING WAS REQUESTED TO REVIEW BUDGET
BREAKDOWN AS GIVEN ABOVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CST
COMMENTS. PROPOSED 1974 BUDGETS FOR SERVICE SECTORS,
TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
CONSIDERED HIGH IN VIEW OF CST' S EXPRESS DESIRE FOR
CAUTIOUS, PRAGMATIC APPROACH. MODEST INCREASES
SUGGESTED FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND R AND D STATISTICS
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